

REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 6, 13 and 20 without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-19 and 21 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 8-11, 14-19 and 21 are amended herein. No new matter is added as a result of the claim amendments. Support for the claim amendments can be found at least on page 24, line 15, through page 25, line 4, of the instant specification.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12, 15-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib et al. ("Shakib;" US 5,752,025) in view of AddressPro v4.0 by ZingWare ("AddressPro"). The Applicant has reviewed the cited references and respectfully asserts that Shakib and Address Pro, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the embodiments of the present invention recited in Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12, 15-17 and 19.

Embodiments of the present claimed invention provide a user interface mechanism that allows a user to modify the contents of a sort table to alter sort instructions used for sorting records by category. As described starting at line 15 on page 24 of the instant application, a first listing of sort instructions is displayed to the user. Different groups are displayed, each group containing a category name and sort field(s) for that category. By selecting a sort field that is currently being used, a second listing of sort fields is displayed. The second listing includes sort fields that can be used to replace the sort field currently being used. The user can then select a sort field from the second listing to replace the sort field currently being used. Thus, according to embodiments of the present claimed invention, the second listing is accessed and displayed via the first listing.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Shakib does not show or suggest the claimed user interface mechanism described above. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Shakib does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 1. Claims 2-3 and 5 are dependent on Claim 1.

In addition, Applicant respectfully asserts that Shakib does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 8. Claims 9-10 and 12 are dependent on Claim 8.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Shakib does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said

second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 15. Claims 16-17 and 19 are dependent on Claim 15.

Applicant further submits that AddressPro does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib. Applicant understands AddressPro to provide a user interface for changing sort order. However, the user interface of AddressPro is different from that of the present claimed invention. The user interface of AddressPro is described in Section 6.2 of the AddressPro reference.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that AddressPro, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that AddressPro, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table,

wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and AddressPro, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, and that the Examiner's basis for rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 2-3, 5, 9-10, 12, 16-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 4, 11 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of AddressPro and further in view of Eagle (US 6,226,739). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 4, 11 and 18 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib, AddressPro and Eagle, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and AddressPro, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 4 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 11 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites

additional limitations, and Claim 18 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Eagle does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib and AddressPro. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Eagle, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Eagle, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib, AddressPro and Eagle, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant respectfully

submits that Claim 4 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 11 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 18 dependent on Claim 15 are also not shown or suggested by Shakib, AddressPro and Eagle, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 4, 11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 6, 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of AddressPro and further in view of Freund et al. ("Freund;" US 5,809,497). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 6, 13 and 20 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib, AddressPro and Freund, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and AddressPro, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 6 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 13 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 20 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Freund does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib and AddressPro. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Freund, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories

including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Freund, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib, AddressPro and Freund, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 6 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 13 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 20 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib, AddressPro and Freund, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 6, 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 7, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of AddressPro and further in view of Ramaley et al. (US 5,995,940). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 7, 14 and 21 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib, AddressPro and Ramaley, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and AddressPro, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 7 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 14 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 21 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Ramaley does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib and AddressPro. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Ramaley, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest a method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claims 1 and 8. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Ramaley, alone or in combination with Shakib and AddressPro, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a

method comprising "displaying a second list comprising sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said second list comprises a sort field for each of said different categories including said first sort field for said first category type; ... receiving an indication from said user that selects said first sort field; ... in response ..., displaying a third list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said first sort field, wherein said user can replace said first sort field with a sort field selected from said third list" as recited in independent Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib, AddressPro and Ramaley, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 7 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 14 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 21 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib, AddressPro and Ramaley, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 7, 14 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicant requests allowance of the present Application.

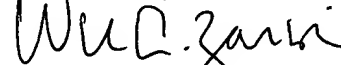
Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-19 and 21 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Applicant has reviewed the reference cited but not relied upon. The Applicant did not find this reference to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 6,593,949.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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